

WELL & PREPARED WELL & PLACED

That's the way Kent Denver graduates feel during their college years.

Based on a recent survey of our youngest alumni—those who are currently in college—our graduates strongly believe that Kent Denver prepared them well for college, and that their college is a “good match” for them.

In the fall of 2009, we emailed a satisfaction survey to the Kent Denver Classes of 2006 (college seniors), 2007 (juniors) and 2008 (sophomores). We heard back from 97 alumni at 58 different colleges—representing an impressive 48% response rate.

More than 96% expressed high satisfaction with their Kent Denver experience, especially the academic program, caliber of faculty, and extracurricular activities. What's more, an impressive 93% of respondents reported that they are pleased with their college choice. As one respondent wrote: “I couldn't be happier at college. It's a perfect match academically, socially, and athletically.”



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OUR GRADUATES SAY...

“I appreciated the focus Kent Denver puts on the student. School was not always just about grades, but on who we are and who we could be. We were taught to be good people, to be involved, to care how successful we are, and we learned the tools for how to get where we want to be.”

STRENGTH OF FACULTY

Across the board, our young alumni appreciate the positive and enduring impact of the faculty. As one respondent wrote, “The teachers were clearly the best available teachers in their profession, and I appreciate them far more now than I did during my time at Kent Denver. They were committed, patient, and the primary reason that Kent Denver has the reputation it does.”

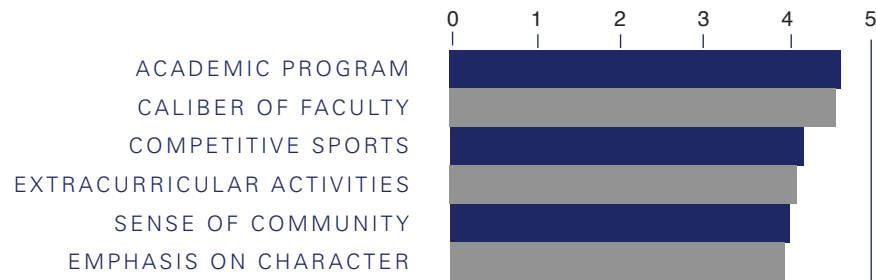
When asked to identify a single faculty member who had the greatest influence on their learning, our young alumni named 42 different individuals. As for overall quality of the faculty, 95% of respondents rated the caliber of Kent Denver’s teachers as a 4 or a 5 on a 5-point scale.



“The great teachers really impacted my intellectual growth. I appreciate knowing them.”

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Looking back on their time at Kent Denver, our young alumni specified the following areas of genuine strength. (A “5” is the strongest rating.)



CHARACTER FOCUS

“We were thrilled to find out that what we wish to be timeless—the strength of character that is emphasized and nurtured in a Kent Denver education—is in fact something that our graduates recognize, manifest, and appreciate,” said Todd Horn, Head of School.

Kent Denver School Core Values

Integrity • Respect • Personal Growth • Community • Wisdom

“A well-rounded education; an intellectual and demanding yet comfortable approach to education; genuine belief in and care for students.”



“What I appreciate most about Kent Denver is the fact that the school promotes the growth of the entire student. It heavily stresses academics but without losing its focus on developing the arts and athletics in its students.”



LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

The survey asked respondents to identify—in an open response format—areas of school life that need improvement. The majority of respondents either did not identify any area(s), or specifically stated “none.” Among the specific areas noted for improvement were: more arts offerings (mentioned by six respondents), a stronger clubs program (five respondents), a more “even” sports program (four respondents), greater acceptance/diversity (three respondents), and the social environment (two respondents). We pay very close attention to this information, as it helps us respond more effectively to the needs of our students.

COLLEGE COUNSELING

Clearly, our main focus at Kent Denver is preparation for college, and our survey respondents told us loud and clear that we are successful in this area. We were also pleased to hear how satisfied our graduates are with the school’s placement program, in terms of what they learned about themselves, and also how well they were guided through a very complex and demanding process.

One respondent wrote: [“I wish I had someone here to help me like that now, as I am applying to grad schools.”](#)

In the open response section for the college counseling process, many respondents reflected on how well their college counselor knew them, and wondered why they allowed themselves to get so stressed-out about the application process during their senior year at Kent Denver. Several also noted that there is a tendency to become fixated on a single college or university without adequate data.



“College was an easy adjustment from Kent Denver and opened up so many doors for me. I have used the tools that I learned at Kent Denver to make the most of my college experience.”



“My college was a good choice in every way, shape and form, from athletics to academics to the community.”

THE RESPONDENTS

Alumni survey respondents attend the following colleges and universities:

Amherst College
 Boston University
 Brown University
 Carleton College
 Colby College
 Colgate University
 Colorado College
 Cornell University
 Dartmouth College
 Davidson College
 Denison University
 Emerson College
 Emory University
 George Washington University
 Georgetown University
 Gettysburg College
 Johns Hopkins University
 Kenyon College
 Knox College
 Lake Forest University
 Middlebury College
 New York University
 Northwestern University
 Pepperdine University
 Pitzer College
 Pomona College
 Rice University
 Santa Clara University
 Southern Methodist University
 Swarthmore College
 Syracuse University
 Trinity College
 Tufts University
 University of Colorado
 University of Denver
 University of Hawaii
 University of North Carolina
 University of Northern Colorado
 University of Notre Dame



University of Pennsylvania
 University of Pittsburgh
 University of Puget Sound
 University of Richmond
 University of San Diego
 University of South Carolina
 University of Southern California
 University of St. Andrews
 University of Texas
 University of Virginia
 Vanderbilt University
 Vassar College
 Wake Forest University
 Washington and Lee
 Washington University (St. Louis)
 Whitman College
 Williams College
 Yale University



“Ethical responsibility, close relationships with teachers, peers with good heads on their shoulders.”



COLLEGE MAJORS



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